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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Sir, that will form part of the Five-Year Plan Development. If there are possibilities in Tiruttani area to start any industry, that will be kept in mind.

SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR: Sir, may I know why the construction of Taluk Headquarters Hospital has not been taken up even though the hospital was sanctioned a year ago and the site was selected and the owners of the plots have come forward to accept any award that may be passed by the Land Acquisition Tribunal and even though they had permitted the authorities to enter upon the lands to start construction.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: A separate question may be put to my Hon. Colleague, the Minister for Health.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Sir, for irrigation facilities this area is mostly dependent upon wells. Would the Government investigate the possibilities of constructing a dam and utilize the water flowing in Kusasthali river which is almost in spate for the major part of the year as the water is now wasted and not utilized for irrigation purposes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: I am sorry I do not have any information with regard to this river. I do not know whether sufficient water would be available for Tiruttani area.

SRI S. RANGANATHA MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Works be pleased to state at what stage the investigation for constructing a bridge across Ponnai stands.

DEPUTY SPEAKER: The hon. Member may put a separate question to the Hon. Minister for Works.

*Junior Technical Schools*

* 2040. Q.—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN (on behalf of Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM): Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Junior Technical Schools already opened and the number yet to be opened in 1961;

(b) the number of students undergoing training as on 1st July 1961; and

(c) the details of training imparted?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a), (b) & (c) A statement[a] is placed on the table of the House.

*Professional Colleges (Admissions)*

* 2041 Q.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Harijans and Backward Class students selected for the Medical and Engineering Colleges for the last five years in the State;

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a Printed as Appendix IV on page 460 infra.

(*b*) the number of students who are progressing in their respective studies without failing; and

(*c*) the nature of assistance given by Government to the students who are not progressing satisfactorily?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) A statement is placed on the table of the House.

(*c*) Additional coaching, tutorial, lecture and practical classes are given to all the failed students.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : While going through the paper placed on the table of the House, I find that the percentage of failure of Scheduled Castes and Backward Community students who have taken the medical course is too much when compared to the failure of students who have taken the Engineering course. What is this mainly due to? Is it due to the fact that the students have not been given proper training or whether they did not care much for the development in the medical course? If the present state of affairs is allowed to continue, there will be great dearth of doctors in the years to come. Will the Government therefore take early steps to step up the standards in the Medical Colleges?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : One reason is that the medical course is more strenuous and more arduous. On the whole, the standard is being kept up. So, we cannot attribute the larger number of failures to any lowering of standards.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : What sort of special coaching is given to the failed students?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I have already stated that lectures, practical classes, tution, etc., are being conducted as a special coaching.

*Bridge across the Memathur Supply Channel*

*** 2038 Q.—SRI A. GOVINDASAMI (on behalf of SRI M. SELVARAJ):** கனம் பொது மராமத்து அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) விருத்தாசலம்-சேலம் ரோடில் பாவலூர் கிராமம் ஹரிஜன காலனிக்குப் போகும் வழியில் குறுக்கே உள்ள மேமாத்தூர் சப்ளை சானலில் மேம்பாலம் கட்டுவதற்காக போடப்பட்டுள்ள எஸ்டிமேட் தொகை எவ்வளவு?

(இ) இந்த வேலை எப்போது எடுத்துக்கொள்ளப்படும்?

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : (அ) The work is included in the Third Five-Year Plan with a provision of Rs. 20,000.

(இ) The question of taking up the work is proposed to be considered in connection with the Budget for 1963–64.

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[a] Printed as Appendix V on pages 461–642 infra.